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PHOTO RADAR DEBATE

Suburbs vs. downtown

‘It’s brutally unfair to go after hard-working families for cash’

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‘I support photo radar. I need drivers to slow the hell down’

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CINEPLEX

Five theatres around T.O. will show playoff basketball

Even in the midst of a stellar 54-win campaign, the Toronto Raptors aren’t quite movie stars … yet.

But when the team embarks on its third straight playoff campaign Saturday, they’ll be landing on the silver screen.

The #WeTheNorth fever will be felt inside five Cineplex theatres across Toronto, each of which will be screening playoff games. The move gives fans unable to score playoff tickets the chance to take in the clash from the comfort of a movie theatre, on the big screen, popcorn in hand.

The partnership with the Raptors parent company MLSE is part of Cineplex’s alternative programming. The theatre also screens events from World Wrestling Entertainment, live opera, stage performances and other sports.

“We’re not just about showing Hollywood blockbusters, but also about catering to local audiences,” said Cineplex’s director of communications, Sarah Van Lange.

Tickets for the Cineplex showing will go on sale Thursday at 6 p.m. — the day after the Raptors’ first-round opponent is set. The price? A mere $6.

“There’s obviously the connection to The Six,” said Van Lange, explaining the price is a play-on to Toronto’s nickname. “But it’s also about accessibility. We wanted to make sure as many fans as possible can get access to the games.”

Part of the proceeds from the screenings will go to the MLSE Foundation, in support of its sport and recreation programs for youth.

But, some fans may find one down side — there’ll be no alcohol. The theatre is creating a family-friendly environment so the only suds on offer will be the cola kind.

Sarah Van Lange of Cineplex

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Trial begins for Georgia father who left toddler in hot car. **World**

Alleged killer reads incoherent speech

ROLLOVER

'Loving' student the first victim of crash

Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

Police have identified 21-year-old Ravina Budhooram as one of the people killed in a high-speed crash Sunday in North York.

Budhooram was a "positive, enthusiastic, loving and caring" person who came to Canada from Trinidad and Tobago and studied at Seneca College, her cousin Kristian Budhooram told Metro.

"She was there for her family, really close to us," Kristian added.

Police said the car she was travelling in rolled near Jane Street and Sheppard Avenue W. at about 3:30 a.m. Budhooram, along with a 23-year-old man and a 19-year-old man, died at the scene. The men's names have not been released.

Two others were injured: a 22-year-old man listed in life-threatening condition and a 24-year-old who remains in hospital but is expected to survive.

Police are asking people who tried to offer life-saving first aid to come forward.

Speed was a factor in the crash, but it's too early to tell if charges will be laid, police said.

Ravina Budhooram
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PATH STABBING

Woman talks of terrorism, prime minister despite advice

A woman charged with first-degree murder in the fatal stabbing of a stranger in a Shoppers Drug Mart implored the justice of the peace at a Monday court appearance to listen to a bizarre spiel involving "international security concerns" and "terrorism."

"I have been in jail since Dec. 16, I'm told, and I'm being damaged in here. I would like to be out because I am innocent and I would like to say what I need to say," Rohinie Bisesar said in a firm, articulate voice over the warnings of her lawyer and Justice of the Peace Mohammed Brihimi.

She was appearing via video link from the jail where she has remained since her arrest.

Bisesar is accused of attacking Rosemarie Junor, 28, with a knife in a drugstore in the underground PATH on Dec. 11, 2015.

Brihimi pleaded with Bisesar to speak to her lawyers instead and stressed that her words were being recorded, but Bisesar pressed on.

"The prime minister has an anti-terrorist plan; the people I have been around are very senior up to the point that they have contact with prime ministers current and former, and presidents of other countries and other international leaders," she said, becoming increasingly incoherent. "And I have something in me, that is exposed. And I've been exposed to a lot of senior people that is not, that allows whatever I'm exposed to is not confidential. And ... whoever it is, I don't know who put it in me; I'm going to say it is the terrorists.... I would like the prime minister's office to be called and the anti-terrorist plan to be implemented. Whatever it might be."

When she paused, Brihimi thanked her and ordered her to appear again Wednesday.

He abruptly ended the hearing before Bisesar could go on to read the two-page document she had written. The microphone on the video link was muted as she began to speak again about "security concerns."

Lawyer Calvin Barry said he cannot comment in any detail on Bisesar's mental health, but it is an aspect they have been looking at since the start of the case.

"We have a psychiatrist involved who has been dealing with this issue from the get go," he said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Rohinie Bisesar, left, is accused of murdering Rosemarie Junor on Dec. 11. CONTRIBUTED

> "Whoever it is, I don't know who put it in me; I'm going to say it is the terrorists. Rohinie Bisesar

FATAL SHOOTING

Police urge suspect to turn himself in

Toronto police have released the identity of the man they believe fatally shot Julian Weekes outside a Queen Street East bar in the early hours of April 2.

Michael Teddy Gibson, 29, is wanted for first-degree murder.

"Michael, this is a message directly to you," said Det. Sgt. Mike Patterson at a news conference Monday. "Do the right thing. Speak to your lawyer and turn yourself in."

Police found Weekes, 27, in the parking lot of a gas station at Parliament Street and Richmond Street East. He was pronounced dead at the scene. Investigators followed a trail of blood to the Queen Street East and Parliament Street area. Police determined that before he was shot, Weekes had been attending a memorial for a friend who was fatally shot.

Gibson and Weekes, both from Regent Park, were known to each other, Patterson said.

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Mayor John Tory speaks at an event marking the 30th anniversary of the sister city relationship between Toronto and Chongqing in China. CONTRIBUTED

TORY IN CHINA

Firm to invest $3.5M

As part of his ongoing trade mission to China, Mayor John Tory announced Monday that a "leading-edge" Chinese e-commerce company will be locating its warehouse in Toronto, bringing with it 30 jobs.

The mayor has been meeting with municipal and business officials in cities like Shanghai and Chongqing — Toronto's sister city in southwest China.

Osell is an import-export company based in Chongqing. According to Tory's office, the company will be making a $3.5-million investment in the GTA, including opening a warehouse at Keele and Steeles.

"Osell is a young, innovative company that is going to help consumer goods made in Canada enter the Chinese market and other international markets," the mayor said. "Their model is unique, allowing manufacturers to sell directly to retailers, cutting out a middle layer and reducing costs — exactly the kind of leading-edge company we are trying to attract to Toronto."

As part of the trip, Tory also rode Chongqing's urban rail transit system.

LUKE SIMCOE/METRO

Bike Share set to double fleet, expand its network

TRANSPORTATION

New bikes can be equipped with on-board GPS navigation

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

As Toronto Bike Share begins its long-awaited expansion, users can look forward to more stations in more places, as well as features like mobile payment.

The Toronto Parking Authority — which oversees the city's bike-sharing program — announced Monday that 1,000 new bikes and 120 new stations will be on the ground by summer. The move will double the size of the bike share fleet and network at a cost of roughly $6 million.

The new equipment will be supplied by PBSC Urban Solutions. The Quebec-based company took over Bixi's operations in 2014 and now supplies bike share systems around the world, including New York, Chicago and London.

The choice means Toronto won't have to scrap its existing bike sharing equipment, but TPA officials said they were also impressed by PBSC's technological "roadmap."

> There's a lot of potential for expansion in Toronto.
> Luc Sabbatini

"PBSC was the winner hands down," said Marie Casista, vice president of development at the parking authority. "Their rollout for the future in terms of technology is significant."

The company has made improvements to help bike share operators manage their fleets, meaning users will be less likely to encounter empty docks when they want to pick up a bike or full ones when they go to drop one off, CEO Luc Sabbatini said.

"You don't want to go the moon," he said. "You just want to ride a bike and you want that bike to be there when you need it."

The new bikes — functionally identical to Toronto's existing ones — can also be checked out using a mobile app and can integrate with the Presto card if necessary, Sabbatini said.

The bikes can also be equipped with on-board GPS navigation for newcomers or tourists.

The parking authority is looking at ways to pedal past the city borders, but Casista said the initial expansion will focus on the core. The precise location of new stations is still being decided but she said riders can expect to see them east along the Danforth, further west on Queen Street and as far north as St. Clair.

The goal is to eventually expand the system to 5,000 bikes.

"There's a lot of potential for expansion in Toronto," Sabbatini said. "And as you expand, the experience is better."

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Cash grab or safety necessity?

Mayor John Tory has asked the province for permission to use photo radar on Toronto streets, but polls show the issue remains contentious. Two Metro writers, one with roots in Scarborough and the other a proud downtowner, explain why where you live matters in the debate.

Photo radar is an obvious cash grab that doesn't account for the reality of life outside of Toronto's downtown.

Take Scarborough, where I grew up, for example. If you're not used to spending time east of Victoria Park, here's a primer.

Scarborough is nearly as big as the other former municipalities in the amalgamated city of Toronto combined — it sprawls and people need to get around.

Given that all drivers are adults who passed driving tests, let's trust people's judgment when they adjust to road conditions.

During rush hour, photo radar is less of an issue in Scarborough because of the heavy traffic, but things change at night and on weekends.

The roads are suddenly clear. The lanes are wide, the city blocks are long and it feels like what it is — a place built for drivers.

Let's not penalize people for changing their driving habits to suit road conditions.

On any given day, your average Scarborough resident has already spent huge chunks of time commuting. In some cases, they drove just to get to transit.

They have work, family and friends, and maybe they even want to sneak in some time at the gym. There are only so many hours in the day.

If McCowan Road is wide open and there's no traffic, it's safe to drive 10 km/h over the speed limit to get home to our families just a little sooner.

Look, there's a reason the Scarborough subway debate won't die. It's because Toronto's suburbs could use better transit.

It's not there, so don't punish responsible drivers.

Look instead at people who drive intoxicated, jaywalk or don't give cyclists their space.

I'm not surprised that in a poll conducted by Mainstreet Research, nearly 70 per cent of people in Scarborough said they're against photo radar.

There has to be a balance between street racing and the person who drives 10-15 km/h over the speed limit when the roads are clear.

If you don't invest in transit, it's brutally unfair to go after hard-working families for cash.

Take McNicoll Avenue on the north end of Scarborough. For years I have seen police set up speed traps there.

McNicoll is a mostly clear road that cuts east-west along hydro fields with a low 50 km/h speed limit.

It really should be higher and the police know it, so they regularly set up photo radar on that road.

It's a perfect example of road conditions dictating behaviour and the city profiting from it.

Fernando Carneiro
Metro | Toronto

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As a guy who lives in downtown Toronto and gets around almost exclusively on foot, I know speed is my enemy.

I know this because the danger has been quantified. Studies have repeatedly shown that, as a pedestrian, my chances of dying when hit by a car go up dramatically as speed increases.

Hit me with your car at 30 km/h and I've got a 90 per cent chance of living. At 45 km/h, it's 50%.

At 80 km/h? I'm dead virtually every time.

So, yeah, I support photo radar. Because I need drivers to slow the hell down.

For cyclists and pedestrians, near misses are a daily occurrence and collisions are too common. I routinely see drivers speed toward traffic lights and zip recklessly past streetcar doors.

Last year, 38 pedestrians and four cyclists were killed on Toronto's streets. Thirteen pedestrians have died so far this year.

The obvious answer to this problem is more enforcement of speed limits, but the traditional methods of enforcement come with a big problem: the price tag.

Toronto spends more than a billion dollars a year on policing costs, a number that keeps going up.

Paying police officers to hold radar guns for hours on end is the definition of inefficiency.

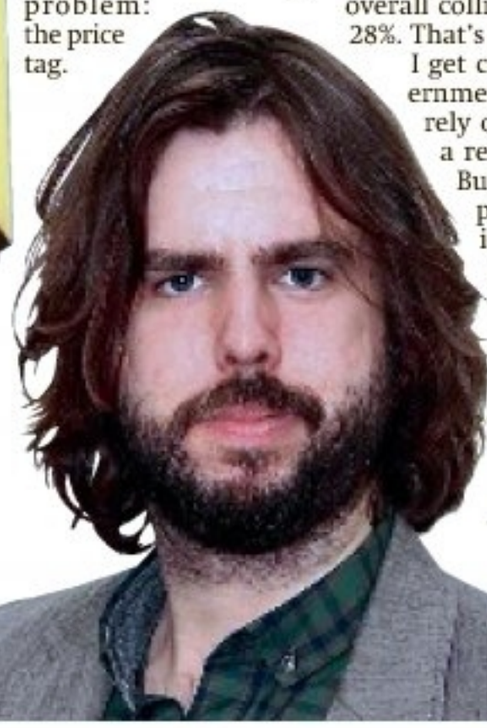
Enter photo radar. A technology that can do the job of a cop with a radar gun without the salary and benefits.

It's hard for me to understand the objections to photo radar. Speed limit laws exist. Laws that exist need to be enforced. Photo radar represents a cost-effective way to enforce these laws. Simple.

And real-world examples suggest photo radar works.

Early results from a pilot project in Saskatchewan are promising. A study of photo radar in Edmonton between 2005 and 2013 concluded that overall collisions declined by 28%. That's hard to ignore.

I get concerns that governments might start to rely on photo radar as a revenue generator. But for me, my support for photo radar isn't about a cash grab. It's about enforcing laws. It's about safety. It's about me, you know, not dying.



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Baldev Mutta, CEO of Brampton's Punjabi Community Health Services, with his granddaughter Talon Mutta, 9, and his daughter Rakhi Mutta. He's involved in initiatives to celebrate girls born to Indian parents.
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Sounding alarm on 'missing girls'

MEDICAL RESEARCH

Indo-Canadian birth data shows gender preference

A preference for boys among Indian-born parents may have contributed to a deficit of more than 4,400 girls over two decades in what researchers are calling Canada's "missing girls."

Their new study, presented in the Canadian Medical Association Journal, looks at more than six million births in Canada and reveals a greater presence of boys among Indian-born mothers may be linked to abortions in the second trimester, when parents can learn the baby's sex.

The birth data was compiled from databases administered by Statistics Canada and the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences in Toronto between 1990 and 2011, and 1993 to 2012, respectively.

"The main implication is that among some immigrant communities, males are placed at a higher value than females," said lead author Marcelo Urquia of St. Michael's Hospital. "This is not just about abortions, it is about gender equality."

Although the natural odds of having a boy over a girl are slightly higher, they are consistent across the globe: up to 107 boys for every 100 girls. But Indian-born mothers living in Canada with two children had 138 boys for every 100 girls.

After abortions, the numbers rise dramatically: 326 boys after one abortion, 409 boys after multiple abortions, and 663 boys for every 100 girls following multiple abortions in the second trimester, when doctors can determine the sex of the fetus. Miscarriages, or spontaneous abortions, were not linked to the births of more boys, the study found.

The new research focuses on immigrants from India as they contribute the most to immigrant births in the country, though disproportionate male births have been observed in other communities as well. The research found an imbalance among Chinese immigrants, but this could not be linked to abortion.

For Baldev Mutta, CEO of Brampton's Punjabi Community Health Services, it's a question he and other community leaders will have to face. It is "time for some soul searching," in the country's Indian community, he said.

"This is something that we cannot hide anymore," said Mutta. Born in Nairobi to Indian diplomats, Mutta came to Canada in 1968.

He helped launch an initiative that flips the script on a traditional celebration called a "Lohri," meant for celebrating the birth of a boy, but which Mutta and a group of young South Asian women have turned into a movement called Lohri For Her.

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MURDER-SUICIDE

Mother tried to save son: Father

An Ontario man who lost his wife and son to a murder-suicide last week says his wife died trying to stop their son from harming himself.

Around 11 a.m. last Thursday, police found the bodies of Karen Costa, 52, and her son, Jeffrey, 22, at the family home in Richmond Hill, Ont.

In a statement released by York Regional Police, Sam Costa says he and his two other children take solace knowing the two are together in heaven.

York Regional police confirmed the deaths were the result of a murder-suicide. They aren't looking for any suspects.

Costa says his son had been struggling with mental health issues.

The husband and father says his family has been involved with mental health fundraising efforts over the past 20 years.

"I never thought our lives would be so directly affected and altered by this illness," Costa wrote.

Costa said the family never wavered in their support for their son, a popular undergraduate student at Western University.

"This unspeakable tragedy that occurred in our family home last week was the result of a loving and protective mother trying to save her son from harming himself," Costa wrote. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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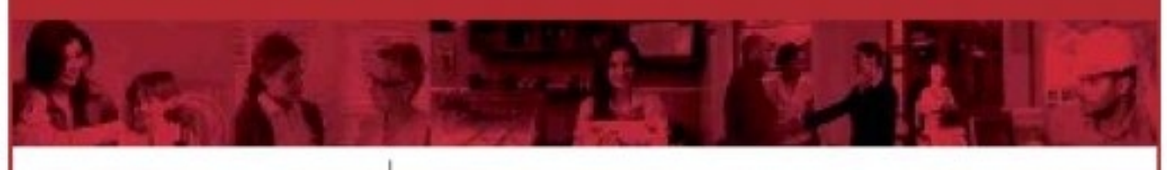

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POLICING

Lesser-paid officers 'could direct traffic'

Lesser-paid special constables — not just police officers — should be permitted to direct traffic, and Toronto council should ask the province to make the legislative changes necessary to permit it, city staff say in a new report.

"Police powers should not be a prerequisite for directing traffic, and that other persons with appropriate training could fulfill the function safely and in a more cost-effective manner," says the report.

It's one of several recommendations on the city's cops-for-hire paid-duty program. It is on the agenda of next Monday's executive committee meeting.

The province has already indicated "they see no legislative barriers" to the use of special constables," the report states. But reform in Toronto's costly use of paid-duty officers is a long time coming.

500

Toronto Police added 500 more to the 'sunshine list' in 2015 — 4,645 officers now earn more than $100,000.

For years, along with calls to rein in the $1-billion-plus police budget, critics have questioned why highly paid and trained officers should receive extra money to guard construction sites, Blue Jays' games, movie sets or special events when they're off duty. There is always pushback from the Toronto Police Association.

"The reason you have police officers is because they're trained professionals, you have a police officer presence; risk, as far as insurance coverage, you have a professional out there," TPA president Mike McCormack said Monday.

McCormack said the recommendations are a "smokescreen to get at on-duty policing and create two-tier policing."

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Laura Nguyen and Guled Arale are hoping the next leader of the NDP will connect more actively with diverse ethnic communities across the city. LIZ BEDDALL / METRO

New blood, fresh hope

POLITICS

Toronto NDPs eager for party to seize chance to reach out

Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

Young New Democrats in Toronto say they're hoping their next leader will reach out to diverse, racialized communities better than the party has in the past.

"Outreach to racialized and ethnic communities is a huge issue," said Laura Nguyen, a party member and local election organizer.

After the party voted Sunday to turf Tom Mulcair as leader, four young New Democrats who are active with their party in Toronto told Metro they want to seize the moment to make some real changes to the NDP's relationship with diverse ethnic communities in Toronto and the GTA.

Guled Arale, a co-chair of the Ontario youth wing of the NDP, said in order to reach those communities the party's next leader should, her or himself, reflect Canada's diversity better — and so should the top echelons of the party.

"We need a leader that understands the importance of this and actually puts an effort in to show up, and put resources into connecting with these communities," Arale said.

Nguyen agrees.

"As a younger person, as someone who's not white, I've had problems with the party, personally, where I feel there's just a lot of old white guys in this party and there's not always the space for people who don't fit that mold to come in and have their voices heard," she said.

The need to connect better with the city became clear when party was completely excluded from Toronto in the last election — despite having a Toronto-specific platform, said Nguyen.

Matias De Dovitiis, president of the Humber River-Black Creek riding association, said the need for the NDP to make a concerted effort to connect with diverse communities has been ongoing for years, but it's most important now in the inner suburbs Scarborough, North York and Etobicoke.

"It's a big, big, big deal for us," he said.

"And it's not something that we've done historically. As sad as it is to see Tom go, it's time to begin a new chapter and work with new people, and get people excited about a left-wing message that will reach people in the suburbs."

> **It's time to begin a new chapter and work with new people, and get people excited about a left-wing message.** Matias De Dovitiis

Attawapiskat, a remote northern Ontario First Nation, has declared a state of emergency after numerous suicide attempts this week. THE CANADIAN PRESS/ADRIAN WYLD

'I don't want her death to be meaningless'

ATTAWAPISKAT

Family shown video message recorded by suicide victim

In the hours before her death, 13-year-old Sheridan Hookimaw recorded a video message for her family.

According to her grandfather, Henry Hookimaw, the authorities who found her body didn't let her loved ones watch all of the footage, fearing it would be too painful. But Henry recalled the quick and poignant scene her family was allowed to see.

"She said that she loved us. That's the only part we saw," said Henry, 64, who raised Sheridan like his own daughter.

Sheridan's body was found on the outskirts of her village of Attawapiskat, Ont., in late October of last year, according to her great aunt, Jackie Hookimaw-Witt. She said the coroner told the family Sheridan took her own life.

Although Hookimaw-Witt remembered her grandniece as intelligent and outgoing, she said Sheridan's health problems, which included asthma, diabetes and apnea, put tremendous strain on the girl's mental health. Hookimaw-Witt said medical care in Attawapiskat is "inadequate," and she wanted to share Sheridan's story in order to shine light on the lack of services in the community.

Sheridan Hookimaw INSTAGRAM

"I don't want her death ... to be meaningless. I want something to come out of it," she said.

The young girl's suicide is part of a wider epidemic of self-harm on the northern First Nation that has so devastated residents that it prompted local leaders to declare a state of emergency on Saturday.

According to the Assembly of First Nations, more than 100 people in Attawapiskat have tried to kill themselves since September. The Nishnawbe-Aski Police Service confirmed there were 11 attempts on Saturday night alone, 10 of them carried out by youth.

Premier Kathleen Wynne said Health Minister Eric Hoskins and Children and Youth Services Minister Tracy MacCharles will fly to Attawapiskat, which has declared five emergencies since 2006 for issues that ranged from flooding, to lack of housing.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

G7 MINISTERS

Dion vows renewed anti-nukes effort

Foreign Affairs Minister Stephane Dion says Canada can help kick-start the world's stalled nuclear disarmament efforts by pushing for tougher controls to prevent terrorists from building a nuclear weapon.

Dion joined his G7 counterparts on Monday in calling for a renewed effort towards nuclear disarmament after visiting the atomic-bombed Japanese city of Hiroshima.

But the minister also appeared to express frustration at what many see as the glacial pace of nuclear disarmament efforts.

"It's a challenge because over the last 20 years, it's stalled," Dion said in an interview from Tokyo, adding that there's been "no major progress" on ridding the world of nuclear weapons in that time.

> "This visit is not about the past, it's about the future."
> Stephane Dion

Dion said Canada will focus on the growing international effort to revive the Fissile Material Cut-off Treaty, or FMCT. It has been more than half a century since the United Nations embarked on creating the treaty, which would control the spread of nuclear materials. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Stephane Dion, second from left, with his G7 counterparts at Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park. KYODO NEWS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Payment from Lac-Megantic settlement fund contested

About 400 people are contesting the amount of money they have received from the $460-million Lac-Megantic settlement fund for victims and creditors of the 2013 rail disaster, the man overseeing the cash distribution said Monday.

Roughly 10 per cent of the 4,200 people who received cheques were not satisfied with their portion, said Andrew Adessky of the firm Richter. Victims have so far received half their expected payment for moral damages. THE CANADIAN PRESS

TERRORIST FINANCING

Officials flag six charities

Federal revenue agency officials have handed senators detailed correspondence about six organizations whose charitable status was stripped over concerns about terrorist financing.

But the agency stresses that the fight against shady funding of political extremism begins with prevention — revocation being just one weapon in its arsenal.

The Senate defence and security committee has been pressing the revenue agency's charities directorate to provide the information since June of last year, but the federal election delayed the effort.

The pages cover the handful of cases since 2008 in which revocations involved concerns about terrorist financing.

Basic information about each case — including the World Assembly of Muslim Youth, the Canadian Foundation for Tamil Refugee Rehabilitation and the World Islamic Call Society — has already been made public. But the various files — presented by directorate officials who testified before the committee — lay out details of the federal concerns.

The committee meeting Monday came amid growing concern about the surreptitious movement of large sums around the globe for illicit purposes.

The charities directorate says it turns down applications for charitable registration where terrorist financing risks arise.

The directorate also conducts audits of registered charities based on the risk and can take action ranging from education letters and compliance agreements to sanctions and revocation of charitable status.

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COMPLEX ISSUE

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The audit materials provided to the committee should give senators a sense of the complexity of the revenue agency's work, said Cathy Hawara, director general of the charities directorate. She cautioned that the Income Tax Act restricts officials to discussing only cases that end in revocation, meaning she had to be careful about referring to ongoing investigations.

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IN BRIEF

Sporadic fighting mars first day of Yemen ceasefire

A UN-brokered ceasefire was mostly holding across war-torn Yemen on Monday with scattered violations reported by both sides. Much of the remaining violence took place in the besieged city of Taiz, where shelling killed at least one person and wounded five, according to residents.

The truce between the Saudi-led coalition, which backs Yemen's internationally recognized government, and the Shiite rebels known as Houthis went into effect at midnight Sunday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Israel to free Palestinian girl, 12, held in prison

A 12-year-old Palestinian girl who was imprisoned after she confessed to planning a stabbing attack in a West Bank settlement will be released early, Israel's prison service said Monday, capping a saga that drew attention to the dual legal system in the West Bank.

The case has put Israel's military justice system in a tough spot as it deals with a girl who has pleaded guilty to a crime, yet has not even completed the seventh grade. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Thailand to sentence drunk drivers to morgue work

To help combat the carnage on the country's roads during this week's traditional New Year's celebration, Thai authorities are going gory: Drunk drivers and repeat traffic offenders can be sent to work in hospital morgues to see the fruits of their irresponsibility.

Casual attitudes toward road safety give Thailand the second-worst record in the world for traffic fatalities.

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British Prime Minister David Cameron leaves 10 Downing Street in central London Monday to appear before MPs for the first time since it emerged he had profited from an offshore fund. STEFAN ROUSSEAU/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

David Cameron defends tax affairs

PANAMA PAPERS

Britain acting to stop evasion in overseas havens: Leader

British Prime Minister David Cameron fought back Monday after days of criticism over his finances, lashing out at what he called hurtful and untrue claims about his late father's investments sparked by leaked details about the offshore accounts of the rich and famous.

Trying to restore his government's shaken reputation, Cameron insisted that "aspiration and wealth creation are not somehow dirty words" and said Britain was acting to stop evasion in its overseas tax havens.

Cameron has been under mounting pressure since his father, Ian Cameron, was identified as a client of a Panamanian law firm that specializes in helping the wealthy reduce their tax burdens. The prime minister initially refused to say whether he had a stake in Blairmore Holdings, an offshore firm established by his father, before acknowledging he had sold his shares in it shortly before he was elected in 2010.

"I accept all of the criticisms for not responding more quickly to these issues last week," Cameron told lawmakers in the House of Commons. "But as I said, I was angry about the way my father's memory was being traduced."

Cameron said his father, who died in 2010, had set up an investment fund overseas so it could trade in dollar securities — "an entirely standard practice and it is not to avoid tax." He said millions of Britons had investments in such funds through their workplace pensions.

Revelations about the Cameron family finances — found among more than 11 million documents from the Panamanian law firm Mossack Fonseca — have overshadowed the government's claim that it is committed to closing tax loopholes. Cameron has championed greater financial transparency, and is due to host an international anti-corruption summit in London next month. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN CANADA

The Canada Revenue Agency is boosting its efforts to hunt down tax dodgers — including those who shelter cash offshore — under an expanded plan expected to recoup $2.6 billion in unpaid taxes over the next five years.

The agency shared some specifics Monday on how it will improve detection, auditing and prosecution of tax cheaters with help from a five-year, $444-million government commitment.

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GEORGIA

Trial begins in hot SUV death

The judge overseeing the trial of a Georgia man accused of intentionally leaving his son in a hot SUV to die heard on Monday from about a dozen potential jurors who said they had scheduling conflicts. Two were excused.

Justin Ross Harris, 35, faces charges including murder in the June 18, 2014, death of his 22-month-old son, Cooper. Police have said the boy died after spending about seven hours in the SUV on a day when the temperature in the Atlanta area reached at least into the high 80s F (over 30 C).

Prosecutors have painted Harris as a man unhappy and unfaithful in his marriage who sought an escape and intentionally left the boy to die. Defence attorneys have called the boy's death a tragic mistake that Harris will have to deal with for the rest of his life.

He was indicted in September 2014 on multiple charges, including malice murder, felony murder and cruelty to children. That indictment also includes charges related to sexually explicit exchanges prosecutors say Harris had with an underage girl.

The extensive local and national news coverage of the case from the beginning will likely make it extremely difficult to find jurors who haven't heard or read about it. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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UTAH

Polygamy outlawed again

A federal appeals court restored Utah's ban on polygamy Monday, handing a defeat to the family from TV's Sister Wives and other polygamists who say the ruling could send plural families back into hiding out of fear of prosecution.

Brady Williams
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Others cheered the decision that they say will help authorities prosecute people for crimes tied to the practice, such as underage marriage and sexual assault.

The 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals dismissed a 2013 ruling that struck down key parts of Utah's law against bigamy. U.S. District Judge Clark Waddoups had found the state violated polygamists' right to privacy and religious freedom.

The appeals court ruled that Waddoups should not have considered a lawsuit from Kody Brown and his four wives because they were never charged with a crime and there was little chance they would be.

Prosecutors pointed to Warren Jeffs, the imprisoned polygamous sect leader convicted of assaulting girls he considered wives.

The Browns have never belonged to Jeffs' group, and lumping in good, honest polygamist families with him isn't fair, said Brady Williams, who has five wives.

"We're only guilty of trying to love a different way than the norm," he said.

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Chatbots at your service

TECHNOLOGY

Why you might soon be texting robots as often as your friends

The robots are coming ... to help run your life, or sell you stuff, at an online texting service near you.

In coming months, people who use Facebook's Messenger app, Microsoft's Skype and Canada's Kik for online chats can expect to find new automated assistants offering information and services at a variety of businesses. These messaging "chatbots" are basically software that's capable of human-like conversation — and of doing some simple jobs once reserved for actual people. Google and other companies are reportedly working on similar ideas.

In Asia, such software butlers are already part of the landscape. When Washington, D.C., attorney Samantha Guo visited China recently, Guo said she was amazed at how extensively her friends used bots and similar technology on the texting service WeChat to pay for meals, order movie tickets and even send each other gifts.

"It was mind-blowing," said Guo, 32. U.S. services lag way behind, she added.

People who use Messenger and Skype for online chats can soon expect to see businesses offering information and other services with the help of messaging "bots." PATRICK SISON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

> Bots are the new apps.
> Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella

Online messaging has become routine for most people, offering more immediacy than email or voice calls, said Michael Wolf, a media and technology consultant. Messaging services are now growing faster than traditional online social platforms like Facebook or Twitter, according to research by Wolf's firm, Activate.

And experts say messaging bots can handle a wider range of tasks than apps offered by retailers and other consumer businesses. In part, that's because bots can recognize a variety of spoken or typed phrases, where apps force you to choose from options on a drop-down menu. Reaching a chatbot can be as simple as clicking a link in an online ad or scanning a boxy bar code with a smartphone's camera; a special-purpose app requires a download and often a new account sign-up.

"Bots are the new apps," Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella said last month. Microsoft has just announced new programming tools for businesses to build bots that will interact with customers on Skype, the Internet voice, video and messaging service Microsoft owns.

Facebook is widely expected to unveil similar tools for its Messenger chat service at the company's annual software conference starting Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

REGULATOR

CRTC: No guarantee of speedy Internet

Canadians may want fast Internet access everywhere in the country, but that doesn't mean it will be guaranteed by Canada's telecom regulator.

Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) chairman Jean-Pierre Blais says any speed or service level his agency finds ideal won't automatically mean regulatory action to ensure it's accessible to everyone.

Blais opened exhaustive hearings Monday into whether high-speed Internet access should be a basic service and what that could mean. But he said it will be up to participants to demonstrate why the CRTC should act and why market forces are not enough to ensure the public's need for Internet services is being met.

"As it is crucial not to confuse 'wants' with 'needs,' the CRTC is asking parties to take a fact-based and objective approach to these discussions," Blais said in an opening statement to the hearings. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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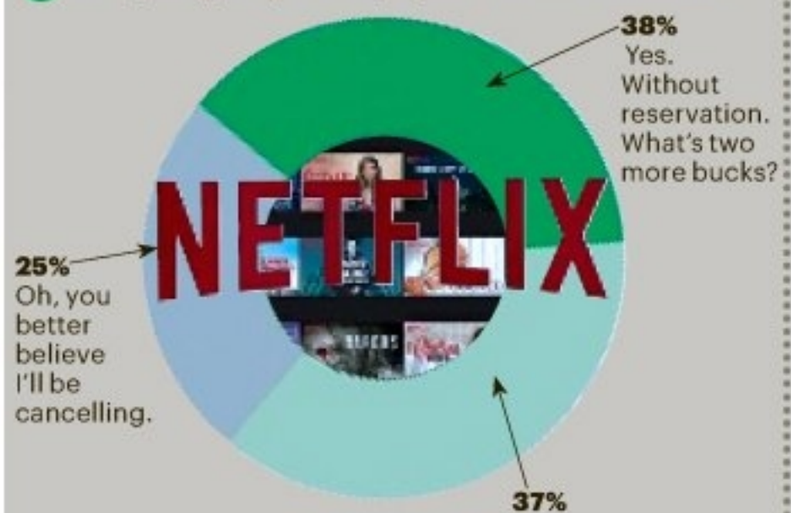
Is Netflix asking for too much?

Streaming glad or screaming mad?
Don't look now but Netflix has its hand out and it's looking at you, early adopters. Having already raised subscription rates for new members, the streaming giant will in May begin charging its legacy subscribers $9.99 a month for service that has, since launch, cost $7.99 a month. This, in the wake of the company's recent crackdown on "unblocking" services. We asked our readers to weigh in.

1 Are you going to keep your Netflix account?



2 What monthly services do you pay for?

48% A cable or satellite package
40% Netflix
6% Shomi
4% Crave
40% Both cable and at least one streaming service

WE ASKED Metro readers

Are you joking, Netflix!??

$9.99 is still good value.

Frustrating interface. Stale content. Lack of new features. And now price increase?

It's all free somewhere. Netflix was just easier. But if you start gouging, you lose me!

A pack of cigarettes costs $15.00 and that's without the taxes thrown in. So I would say Netflix is still really a great deal.

The hidden costs behind the subscription are the data fees, which make it an extremely expensive service if you watch a lot of movies.

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HAVE YOUR SAY

Anti-ranked-ballot talk not very high on my list

TORY'S TORONTO

Matt Elliott

Last week, the Ontario government finally got around to announcing legislation that will allow cities and towns to use ranked ballots in municipal elections.

This made electoral-reform advocates very happy. It also made some opponents very, very unhappy.

Let's focus on the haters, because I expect to hear a lot from them over the next while. The new legislation leaves it optional for municipalities to adopt ranked ballots, which means debates over whether to adopt the system will play out in every local council chamber.

Expect opponents to run out every possible argument against change. Expect all of them to be weak.

The defensive movement is already in full effect in Toronto. Last fall, in a surprise move, Coun. Justin Di Ciano introduced a motion that saw his Toronto City Council colleagues vote 25-18 to reverse their earlier support for ranked ballots.

Among other criticisms, he called them confusing.

The idea that ranked ballots are too complicated is probably the most common argument raised by opponents, and you should find it insulting. It suggests that voters can't understand simple numbers.

Seriously, from the voter's perspective, the only thing that changes with ranked ballots is, instead of putting one mark down beside your one chosen candidate, you instead rank your candidates in order of preference.

Behind the scenes, those rankings are used to tabulate a winner. The candidate with the lowest share of first-place votes is dropped, with their second place votes distributed to other candidates.

The process repeats until one candidate scores majority support.

There's nothing unprecedented about this. Ranked ballots are used successfully in other places. Every political party uses a version of preferential voting to choose their leaders. Hell, ranked ballots are even used to select the best picture winner at the Oscars. If Hollywood can figure it out, why can't we?

Still, expect some politicians to continue to act as if ranked ballots are the equivalent of asking people to solve a Rubik's Cube before voting.

The objections won't stop there, of course. It's also common for opponents to argue that ranked ballots aren't effective at solving issues like a lack of diversity in politics, or the advantage enjoyed by incumbents. As if reforms that don't solve literally every problem aren't worth pursuing.

Finally, I expect a lot of talk focused on outcomes. According to various defenders of the first-past-the-post system I've talked to, ranked ballots are bad because they ultimately favour centrist candidates — compromise picks.

But those people are looking at this the wrong way. Voting methods shouldn't be structured to ensure your preferred political outcome. They should be structured to fairly represent the way voters feel about candidates. Take that approach and the status quo simply does not rank.

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

metroview

To yearn for Bern is to be the quintessential young Canadian lefty

It's a special insult that the U.S. is even doing socialism better than us.

Rhetorically, in any case.

We might be living in the pseudo-utopia of Bernie Sanders' acolytes' dreams, with our health care and restrictions on campaign spending, our sick leave and mat-leave culture. But they have something that we want, too: Bernie himself.

Our supposedly lefty champion, Thomas Mulcair, saw his leadership future end with a hollow thud this weekend (the NDP voted to replace him, which could take a few years). Sure, he had his "pitbull" moments in the house, but did anyone #feelthe... Nope.

Meanwhile, Sanders is more popular on Canadian millennial Facebook feeds than cats and puppies combined. Sure, he's cute in that scruffy, stray-dog kind of way. But it's not the cuddliness. It's the honesty.

Still dreaming they'll never turn cynical, young Canadians are primed to value not only the message of Sanders's democratic socialism, with its focus on free universities and its rage against soulless corporate greed, but also the vessel. Here's a man who has, for decades, been singing the same tune. Unlike the party-swapping Mulcair, Sanders is the grandpa who really DID walk to school in the snow, uphill, both ways.

It's for others to deduce what caused the NDP's implosion. But I spoke to enough young voters during the campaign to know their idealism was ill met in the NDP's platform, and its portrayal of a stiff, somewhat shifty leader.

Of course, I could dream up a more perfect candidate than Sanders. One that shatters at least one of the gender and race biases in politics. One with a stricter stance on guns. And Sanders is controversial among black American voters.

It's also worth wondering whether Sanders would be as beloved if he weren't also a slightly cantankerous New Yorker — is our love just an extension of our enduring fascination with America itself? The political equivalent of wanting to visit Detroit? And if we lived there (in Detroit, in the U.S.) would it seem as romantic?

Still, it's laughable that we're more afraid of socialism, the word, than America is right now: the NDP voted in 2013 to scrap that term from its constitution, partly so it wouldn't become an issue in the 2015 election.

Canada needs a solid left. A socialist party that walks and talks like one. One that champions the growing poor and fights against impunity among the rich (ahem, #panamapapers). We deserve a chance to vote for a leader who meaningfully defends the socialism already at work here.

I might not always vote for him, or her, but my generation, in large part, will.

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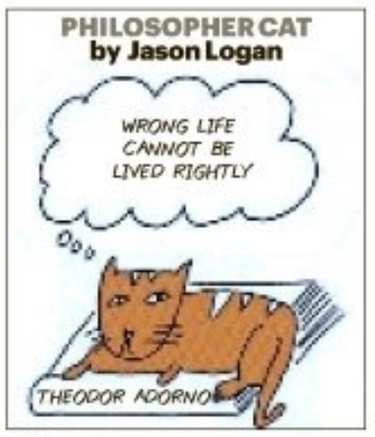

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Fat and proud

From left: Sarah Taylor, reigning Miss Plus Canada; blogger Laura Caravaggio; blogger and boutique owner Karen Ward; Ophilia Alleyne, 2014 Body Confidence Canada Award Winner; Thera Warren, plus-sized stylist and blogger. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

It's an interesting time for the body positivity movement. Amy Schumer took on Glamour magazine last week for calling her "plus size" and Addition Elle fired an employee after she tweeted "fat lady" in an endearing way. As labelling polarizes the plus size community, Metro asked fashion blogger and entrepreneur Karen Ward about reclaiming words used to hurt us.

Karen Ward
For Metro

I am adorably chubby, a freckle-faced eight-year-old waiting her turn for the monkey bars. A bully pushes me aside forcibly. I tell her I was waiting in line. She tells me to shut up and calls me a "fat tubba lard."

This is why the reclamation of the word "fat" is so contentious. But it's also why it is so important.

Twenty years later I am on the front lines of the body positivity movement in Toronto.

I have been told all my life, either implicitly or explicitly, that I do not deserve the space I occupy or the beautiful clothing on my back because I am "fat."

In 2010 I started my blog Curvy Canadian, offering shopping tips, lists of stores that ship to Canada, and fashion inspiration to plus size Canadian women.

Plus size clothing options are seriously lacking, and in 2012, I opened my own clothing store in Toronto, Your Big Sister's Closet.

I believe in the transformative power of dressing well. Fashion is a language, and plus size women have lacked the words so long that we barely know how to speak.

One of my customers, a petite brunette who just graduated from high school, was so shy when I first met her that she couldn't even talk to me or make eye contact.

She's been back many times since then and she's blossomed — shedding baggy sweats for my most dramatic pieces, her head held high while wearing her new electric blue pouffy skirt, and her voice audible. She is why I do what I do.

Body positivity is a social justice movement that reinforces that everyone, no matter their size, age, race, gender, disability, or appearance, is worthy of the right to be proud of their body.

The body positivity community in Toronto is leading the charge to change perspectives.

Reclaiming the word "fat" is an important part of the movement.

The word "fat" has always been a "bad" word — used as an insult, and a cruel one at that, which is why plus size mega retailer Addition Elle fired store associate Connie Levitsky for using it.

"Fat" is much more value-laden than any other physical descriptor: tall, short, blond, brunette.

None of these hold the same ability to hurt as "fat," which is why we need to reclaim this word.

We need to strip it of its ability to hurt, shed the negative connotations it has accrued, and use it to label ourselves. Doing so is a highly subversive act.

I applaud Levitsky both for using the term and for speaking out about her firing. It has shed much-needed light on our movement, and educated brands like Addition Elle.

This issue of labelling has been polarizing in the plus-size community.

Supermodel Ashley Graham has been criticized for participating in the #droptheplus movement, a campaign devoted to eliminating the "plus size" label altogether.

Fans are angry because Ashley is the face of so many brands that cater to plus size women such as Lane Bryant, Addition Elle, Forever 21+, and department stores like Saks and Nordstrom, and this has helped her get to where she is, but some people feel that she is forsaking the plus size industry and community by denying the term.

It would be wonderful if we could get rid of all these labels and just BE. Unfortunately, we're just not there yet.

We're not at the point where we can throw away the labels that help us organize our advocacy.

There is still so much work to do.

Just as second-wave feminists rallied as one loud, unified voice, so must we before we can enjoy what a third-wave body positive activism will bring — a celebration of individuality without labels. We're getting there.

Slowly.

When I started my blog six years ago I initially titled it "Canadian Fatshionista," but changed to "Curvy Canadian" because I worried that brands like Addition Elle wouldn't work with me and that I might alienate readers.

Now, I would choose "Canadian Fatshionista" without hesitation — not because I believe that attitudes have changed, but because I have come so far in my own body positivity.

I can now own that word. It's time to take it back.

I am fat, and I am proud.

"We need to strip it of its ability to hurt, shed the negative connotations it has accrued, and use it to label ourselves. Doing so is a highly subversive act.

Karen Ward on reclaiming the word 'fat'

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When you're Aniston's yoga teacher

INTERVIEW

Mandy Ingber breathes deep and doesn't let it go to her head

While she may not have been spotted at Central Perk, celebrity yoga instructor Mandy Ingber has played a "friend" in an extended episode of Jennifer Aniston's real life. Call it The One with All the Yoga.

Ingber, who credits her yogi father for raising her on the craft, is a former actress herself who played Annie Tortelli in Cheers and short-lived spinoff The Tortellis. Today she's a New York Times bestselling author and creator of an instructional workout DVD inspired by her fitness philosophy she calls "Yogalosophy."

Inger spoke with Torstar from Los Angeles about her famous friend and her fitness values, outlined in her upcoming book Yogalosophy for Inner Strength: 12 Weeks to Heal Your Heart and Embrace Joy (Seal Press: $33.95), out May 20.

What inspired you to make yoga such a big part of your life?

Jennifer (Aniston) actually was the one who pushed me. I started teaching her and she started talking about me. It just happened.

You've instructed her for years. How have you seen her progress?

It's been a long time, like 11 years or something. She started at a time when she was going through a divorce; it was a trying time, and it was a transitional time. At that point, I think it was really just finding a way to have acceptance and presence to what she was feeling. Sometimes moving your body can bring you into a better place mentally and emotionally. I think practising yoga on a daily basis brought her to a better place where she was comfortable in her own skin no matter what was going on.

You talk a lot about the "yoga mentality." What does it mean to incorporate that into other workouts that aren't necessarily yoga?

If you don't do yoga, it doesn't mean that you can't have a sense of detachment, which means not attaching yourself to your thoughts or your emotions. To be able to have a little bit of separation from the negative part of yourself that wants to quit. It starts physically by the breath; how does my heart feel pumping my blood? Then we start to notice our thoughts, and we redirect out thoughts, gain some control, gain control over the breath.

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CHALLENGE

Toe the line with this stretch

YuMee Chung
Torstar News Service

Tabi are Japanese split toe socks, designed to be worn with traditional thonged footwear.

They were the socks of choice for samurai during Japan's feudal era and are still sported by many martial artists. Learn to isolate you toes with this simple stretch.

Tabi Toes

1. Sit on the floor with legs outstretched and feet side by side. Flex your ankles until the soles of the feet are vertical — the ankles should resemble standing ankles. Spread your toes.

2. Press both big toes away from you while bringing the remaining toes back in the opposite direction. If the toes aren't overly co-operative, use your hands to manually pull the smaller toes back while you focus on the reach of the big toes. Feel free to bend your knees when reaching for the toes.

3. Now, find the opposite action: Move the big toes towards you while curling the remaining toes away. If this is challenging, push the smaller toes away with your hands while you focus on pointing the big toes back toward you.

4. Aim for ninja-like precision as you repeat the exercise, gradually speeding up as the intrinsic muscles of the feet get stronger and more co-ordinated. Complete eight rounds. Practise this regularly to improve your balance and get lighter on your feet. If the arches of your feet cramp up while trying Tabi Toes, give them a little stretch and a massage before attempting to complete the exercise using 20 per cent less effort.

This kind of cramp is the result of overwork and neurological confusion; the pattern of cramping should resolve with practice.

Feel free to bend knees when reaching for the toes. TORSTAR

Ilene Shioguchi, left, and her friend Maha Alavi met through Instagram. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

From insta-pals to real life bonds

TECHNOLOGY

How people use Instagram to meet friends, partners

Ilene Shioguchi's Instagram account is a carefully curated collection of millennial staples: selfies, brunch and coffee.

But it serves a purpose higher than ego-boosting — it's how she attracts and seeks out real-life friends.

"The great thing about meeting people through Instagram is that when I meet up with them, I feel like I already know a lot about them," said Shioguchi, a 24-year-old Torontonian studying advertising at Centennial College. "We're able to hit it off right away."

Shioguchi is one in a niche community of Instagrammers who are using the app for more than lurking through photos of stranger's acai bowls or bikini selfies. They're building friendships, flirting and forming emotional bonds with strangers — some who they'll meet in person, others who'll remain online connections — all because of the appealing glimpse they got into the highlight reel of someone's life.

Instagram appears to be aware of its friendship-forming potential. The company encourages users to organize "InstaMeet" events, where Instagrammers meet up in person at a specific time and date, proliferating their account with photos and hashtags throughout the event.

In February, the Japanese duo behind the #2015bestnine craze, which saw Instagrammers visiting a website that created collages of their most-liked photos from the year, launched Nine, a "matching app" that compiles your top nine most-liked Instagram photos and lets you swipe through other users' photos. It's a tool Instagrammers can use to procure friends or dates, said founder Yusuke Matsumura. But others don't need a separate app. They rely on Instagram's "explore" tab, a function that displays popular images or ones selected based on their past activity.

Torontonian Farrell Tremblay started up a year-long flirty friendship with a tattooed Californian after stumbling on her selfie via the explore tab.

"She was really cute and I commented saying such," said Tremblay, 31.

The woman responded via direct message, kicking off a friendly relationship that got so serious Tremblay considering moving to California with a friend. The plan fell through when his friend didn't get the job he wanted.

They've never met in person.

While Tremblay says he doesn't actively use Instagram as a dating platform, others happily admit they're seeking out singles.

Heather Purdon, 23, said she likes the app because it gives a sense of someone's personality. Travel photos could show they're adventurous, party photos show they're social and creative pictures show they're artsy. And according to her friends — more seasoned online daters — there's specific etiquette to Insta-dating.

"You start following someone and liking their photos, maybe leaving a comment here and there," she said.

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

How James Corden wins over our hearts, bit by bit

THE SHOW: James Corden's Carpool Karaoke (YouTube)
THE MOMENT: Stevie Wonder's phone call

James Corden, right, and Stevie Wonder. CONTRIBUTED

"This is indulgent of me," Late Late Show host James Corden, driving, says to Stevie Wonder, in the passenger seat. "My wife doesn't believe I'm in the car with you."

"What's her name?" Wonder asks.

"Julia," Corden says. "She's gonna lose her sh—."

Corden passes his phone to Wonder. Julia answers. "This is Stevie," Wonder says. He sounds a note on his harmonica and begins to croon: "I just called to say James loves you." Corden's eyes fill with tears.

Late night talk shows have become less about the shows themselves, and more about the bits that trend the next day. Interestingly, each host's best bit plays to his personality. Jimmy Fallon, who is painfully sycophantic and competitive, uses both in his wildly popular Lip Sync Battles. Jimmy Kimmel, whose very face looks like a wisecrack, excels at getting people to make fun of themselves — hence his hit, Mean Tweets (celebs reading mean tweets about themselves).

Corden, by contrast, is not about snark, he's about sincerity. And there's nothing more sincere than driving around in a car singing to the radio. Corden may be a successful talk show host, but he's also a bloke who understands that harmonizing and car-seat-dancing might well be the best parts of our work days. To be able to do that with singers like Adele, Jennifer Hudson or Justin Bieber — he knows what a dream come true that is, and he conveys that.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

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Stephen King says new protective netting in MLB is "one more step toward taking the taste and texture out of the game I care for above all others"

Pushing the limit

RAPTORS

Carroll playing restricted minutes after knee surgery

DeMarre Carroll is counting on Toronto Raptors head coach Dwane Casey not being able to control himself once the NBA playoffs arrive later this week.

Carroll, coming back from knee surgery that robbed him of about half his first Raptors season, is playing restricted minutes as the team's medical staff closely monitors a comeback already derailed once by a setback.

Carroll has played in two games since coming back, logging 17 minutes Sunday in New York and 14 in Atlanta last Thursday before sitting out a Friday game against Indiana as a precaution.

He is expected to play Tuesday at home against Philadelphia, but no one will commit to his availability for Wednesday in Brooklyn.

And how the minutes restriction will affect his playoff availability is unknown, but Carroll said Monday he hopes Casey does what some coaches do and get caught up in the moment.

"Me knowing coach Casey, once playoffs start I think all those minute restrictions are going to go out the door because it's do or die," Carroll told reporters at practice at the Biosteel Centre on Monday.

Casey understands that, and it will take all his willpower to pull Carroll if he has to. Casey spoke Sunday night about the difficulty of managing Carroll's time while also allowing him to get into the flow of the game.

> **Physically I think I am ready. It's just about being ready for the opportunity.**
> DeMarre Carroll

But, like everyone, Casey has superiors to answer to.

"He's exactly right, because that is why we brought him here, to be that defensive player for us and believe me he wants to be out there and we want him out there," the coach said. "But again, he has got to listen to his body and the medical people because everyone here has his best interests at heart.

"As bad as I want him out there I am not going to override that, no matter when it is, whether it's these next couple of games or the first couple games of the playoffs. We have to be smart and look at the long-term picture of his health." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Raptors forward DeMarre Carroll has played in two games since returning from injury. JONATHAN DANIEL/GETTY IMAGES

MLB

Story's debut one for record books

Nobody in major-league history has ever had a first week like his.

Trevor Story hit a record seven home runs in his first six games, including homers in his first four starts.

"It has been fun so far," the Rockies shortstop said Sunday after hitting a solo shot in Colorado's 6-3 win over the San Diego Padres, giving him 12 RBIs and putting him on a ridiculous pace for 189 home runs and 324 RBIs this season.

OK, that won't happen. But that's the kind of start Story has had. Even Cooperstown has taken notice, obtaining his helmet and batting gloves.

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FAST START

Of the 27 players in the 500-homer club, Willie McCovey needed the fewest games — 18 — to reach seven home runs.

IN BRIEF

Brassard resigns as Canada's chef de mission

Freestyle skiing champion Jean-Luc Brassard, who earlier this year criticized the Canadian Olympic Committee's handling of alleged sexual harassment by former president Marcel Aubut, has stepped down as Canada's chef de mission for the Summer Games in Rio.

Former cyclist Curt Harnett will succeed Brassard after holding the same position with Canada's Pan American Games team last summer.

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Flyers founder dies of cancer at age 83

Ed Snider, the Philadelphia Flyers founder whose "Broad Street Bullies" became the first expansion team to win the Stanley Cup, has died after a two-year battle with cancer. He was 83.

The Flyers said he died early Monday morning.

Upon hearing that the National Hockey League was going to expand from its original six teams to 12, Snider petitioned the league and was awarded an expansion club in 1966.

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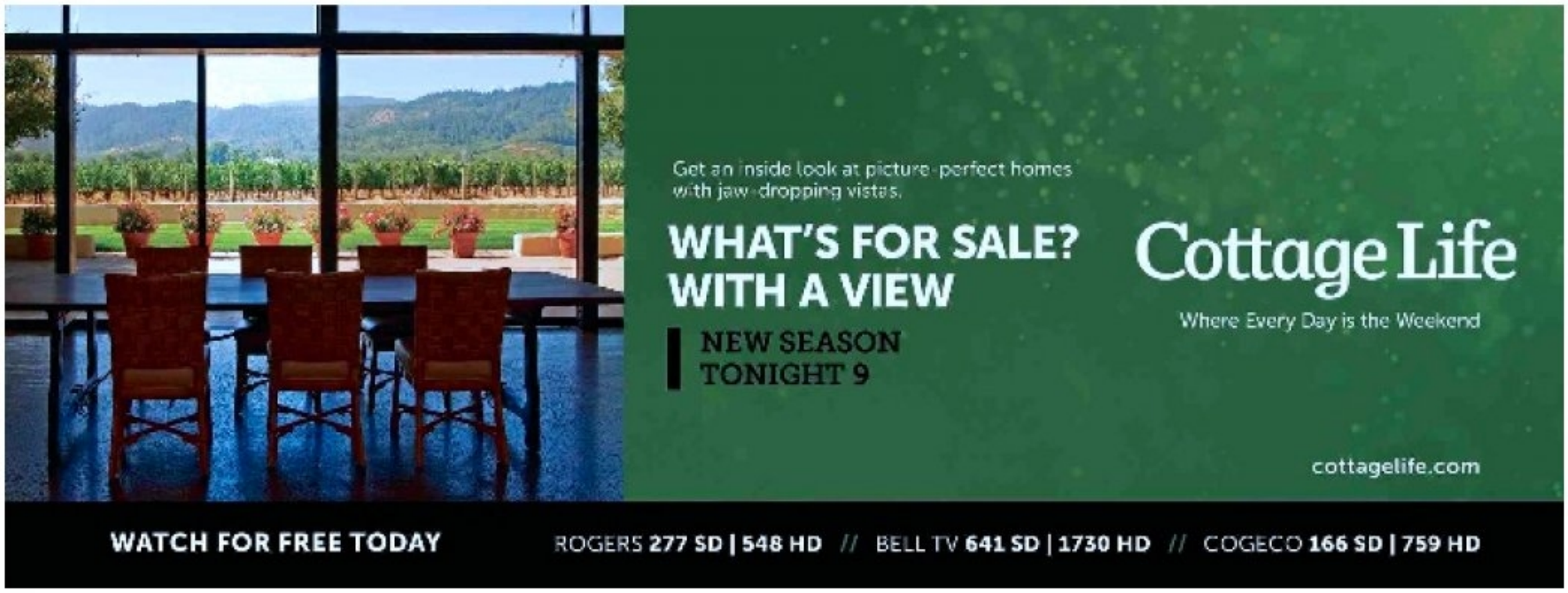
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Dell raised a well-rounded homo sapien

NBA

Former Raptor provided son Steph examples of giving back

For years, Stephen Curry watched his dad, Dell, do his part in the community. Curry was often among those children in Charlotte treated to special appearances from star athletes and still cherishes those sweet memories.

"That's how I grew up," Curry said. "I was blessed to see my dad and how he interacted with kids my age at the time. He was going to youth camps and different school events. I know how happy me and my friends were at that age to see somebody we looked up to come and spend some time. I don't want to take those opportunities for granted, no matter what the schedule is, or what's going on outside of that event. That's a time for them."

Even in the middle of Golden State's quest for the NBA wins record, which Curry and the Warriors (72-9) will try to accomplish in the regular-season finale Wednesday night against Memphis.

Steph Curry and father Dell GETTY IMAGES

So, on a rainy Tuesday in Oakland last month, Curry spent several hours at Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School speaking to kids about maintaining a healthy lifestyle, making the right choices and going to college.

The reigning MVP is clearly in his other element among giggling, giddy children, off the basketball floor where he is the most dynamic player in recent memory. Still, the Warriors worry a bit about their superstar overextending himself.

"He genuinely cares," coach Steve Kerr said. "Sometimes he does too much stuff, we try to pull him back ... because everyone wants a piece of him and he has a hard time saying no."

Sure, Curry sometimes gets tired from all of the fanfare and the NBA grind. Not to mention the typical lack of sleep for a father with two young girls.

"The schedule's crazy and obviously we're right in the middle of the season, so there are times where you might wake up and not want to get out of bed or whatever, but it is helpful to remember how I felt as a kid and the stuff my dad taught me, and be reminded the importance of the stage and the platform we have," he said. "I want to use it."

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A young Steph Curry sits with his father Dell and Mitch Richmond during the 1992 All-Star Three-Point Competition in Orlando. Dell played for the Charlotte Hornets, Raptors, Jazz, Cavaliers and Bucks during his 16-season NBA career.

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
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Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes

Ingredients
- 1/2 whole roasted chicken, white meat sliced and cut into bite size chunks
- 1 cup shaved cheddar cheese
- 1 red pepper, sliced and chopped
- 1 bunch of asparagus, steamed and chopped
- 4 kale leaves, stemmed and chopped

Directions

1. In a tall, lidded pot, place two inches of water. Tie asparagus into a bundle with string and place in pot upright. Cook for 3 to 8 minutes depending on thickness. Remove from water and set aside.

2. Chop chicken meat and place in a large mixing bowl.

3. Shave cheese and cut asparagus into bite size pieces similar in size to chicken. Chop red pepper. Combine chicken, cheese, asparagus and red pepper into bowl and gently mix. Drizzle desired amount of dressing into salad.

4. Arrange chopped kale on plates and then spoon chicken salad over top and serve.

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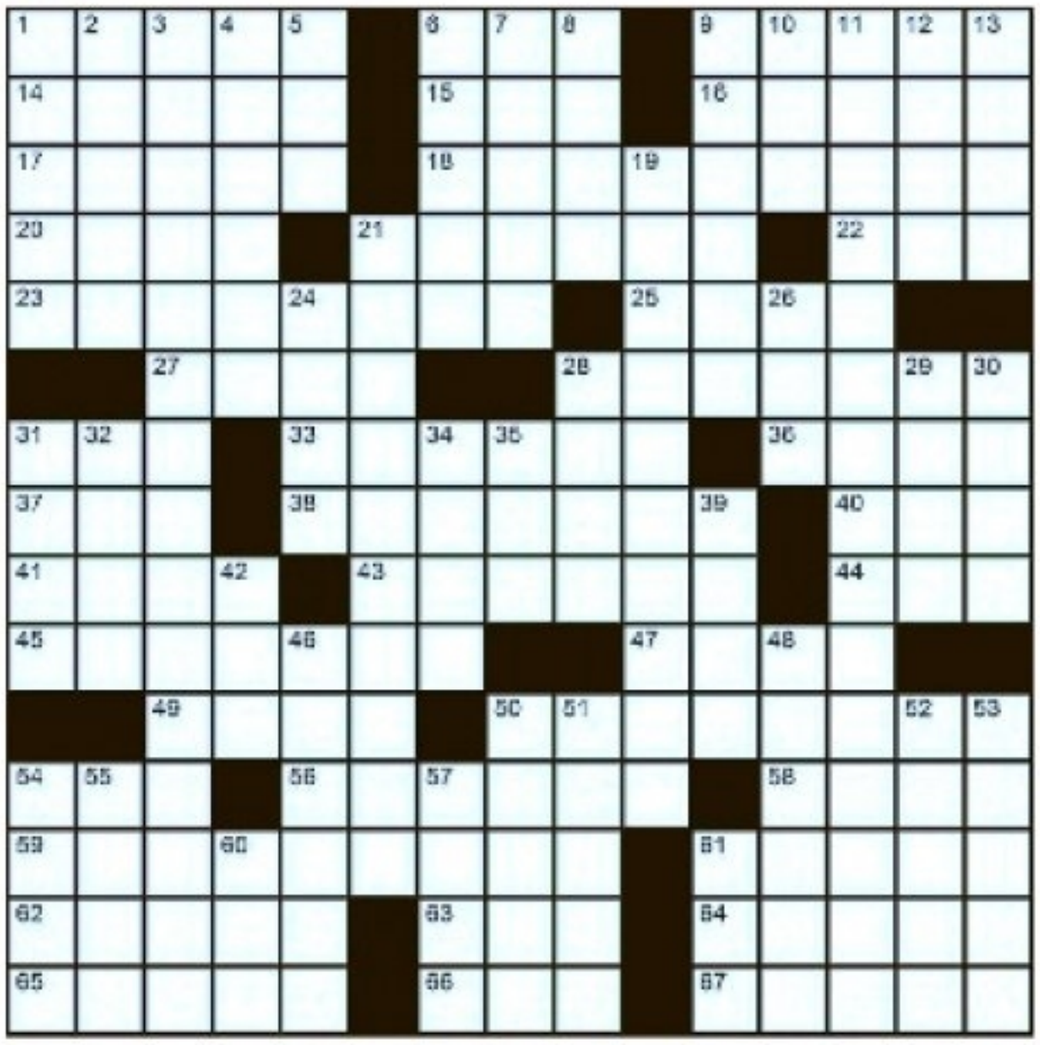

ACROSS
1. Vancouver-born actress Ms. Smulders
6. River of Hiroshima
9. Amu __ (River in Asia)
14. Hoop-shaped
15. Fabled flapper
16. Hunter constellation
17. Singer Ms. Menzel
18. Hindrances
20. Montreal 'Miss', mini-ly
21. Hours: French
22. Laugh half
23. "Halifax" is a song on the new album 'ArrangingTime' by what American singer?: 2 wds.
25. 1973 to 1974 police series
27. Superstar
28. Wine/fruit punch
31. Climber's conquest, curtly
33. Andean animals
36. Nero's 1605
37. Gang
38. Alaska's archipelago-dwelling bears
40. 'Sun' completer (Dessert)
41. Gator's look-alike
43. Put on that Spring jacket: 2 wds.
44. Hosp. professionals
45. 'Shrinking' flowers
47. Minimum __
49. Modelling's Miranda
50. Tires brand
54. Flight tower serv. for planes
56. Tower of London guard
58. Man __ __ Mancha (Musical)
59. Novelist, William Makepeace __ (b.1811 - d.1863)
61. Madrid 'waters'
62. Motor scooter company
63. Soul, in Paris
64. Mail: French
65. "For he that __ through Morgoth's eyes..." - J.R.R. Tolkien, The Silmarillion
66. Pot's cover
67. "The Biggest __" (NBC show)

DOWN
1. Style with a 1980s hair iron
2. "Tee-__-Un-Bum-Bo"
3. Living room feature: 2 wds.
4. Requiring resources: 2 wds.
5. Q. "Is Phys. __ _ class we have to take?" A. "Unfortunately."
6. Dictate
7. Bruce Springsteen's "Born __ __"
8. Buying __ __ (Dealership transaction)
9. Canadian singer Fefe
10. 'Masc' ender
11. Actor who brought Duddy Kravitz to life on the silver screen: 2 wds.
12. Aviator's steering wheel
13. Grande-__ (New Brunswick village)
19. Alberta city south of Edmonton
21. Vancouver... Landmark in Stanley Park that's over 700 years old: 2 wds.
24. Egg part
26. Movie studio
28. France/Germany river
29. The Who's "__ __ See for Miles"
30. Holy hails
31. Gladiator's 2105
32. Ms. Spelling
34. Tangy drinks
35. "Mamma __!" (2008)
39. Headliner
42. Key: French
46. Singer/actress, __ Badu
48. "Slide" by The __ __ Dolls
50. Savoury fifth taste
51. Gave a 'Yea'-opposing vote
52. Winged
53. Dermatologist's tool
54. Off-road rides, commonly
55. 'You' of yore
57. __-B (Toothbrush brand)
60. Ship's leader [abbr.]
61. will.i.am's bandmate, __.de.ap

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Give yourself extra time this morning so you have wiggle room to deal with surprises, because something unexpected will occur. Forgotten appointments or sudden changes are likely.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Disputes about inheritances and shared property are likely now. This morning, unexpected news could affect these arrangements. Stay on top of things!

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Today the Moon is in your sign, which makes you more emotional than usual; however, it also favours you with good luck. Unexpected news might catch you off guard.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Something might make you feel unsettled or uncertain about things today. If this is the case, reserve important decisions for the morning, and do nothing in the afternoon. Just coast.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
This is a fun day! Enjoy the company of others; however, don't commit to anything this afternoon. (You might meet a real character this morning or someone you know might do something that amazes you.)

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Bosses, parents and VIPs might throw you a curveball this morning. Wait until tomorrow to respond. You'll be glad you did.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Travel plans will be interrupted this morning. However, by contrast, you suddenly might have to travel somewhere even though you didn't expect to do so. "Whaaat?"

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
When dealing with shared property, taxes, debt and inheritances, restrict your decisions to this morning. Furthermore, expect a few surprises! (Know your stuff.)

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
A partner or a close friend might say or do something you least expect this morning. However, you might like it. Whatever happens might give you more freedom in some way.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Your work routine will be interrupted this morning because of power outages, computer crashes, staff shortages or something unexpected.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
This is a mildly accident-prone day for your kids, especially this morning. Therefore, be vigilant and know what's going on.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Small appliances might break down this morning or minor breakages could occur because your home routine will have some speed bumps. Definitely. Perhaps surprise company will knock on your door.

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